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On 17 October WARE left her homeport for the first extended underway period in over a year. The first stop in the Caribbean was Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico where WARE began the first stages of Weapons System Accuracy Trials (WSAT). From 23 to 26 October the ship ran the WSAT range at St. Croix.

After a transit stop at Roosevelt Roads, WARE arrived at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba on 29 October, to begin Refresher Training. The ship proceeded through training with only one major incident: on 1 December WARE collided with the USS NATAHALA (AO 60) while making an unrep approach. Only minor damage was experienced by either ship. The Operational Readiness Inspection was held on 17 December (Annex 7)

After completion of underway training WARE returned to Roosevelt Roads and participated in Naval Gunfire Support Competitive Exercises off Culebra for two days.

The ship returned to Mayport, Fla. on 23 December and was still in Mayport as the year ended

USS CHARLES R. WARE (DD-865)

PART I CHRONOLOGY, 1967

1 JAN Moored at U.S. Naval Station, Mayport, Fla.,
Home Port.

9 JAN Departed Mayport for Charleston, S.C.

10 JAN Arrived at Charleston Harbor. Ran degaussing
and departed for Key West Operation Area.

12 JAN Held gunnery exercises in Key West Operation Area.

13 JAN Moored at U.S. Naval Station, Key West.

14 JAN Departed Key West and held gunnery exercises in Key
West Operation Area.

15 JAN Moored at Mayport. Commenced period of leave,
upkeep, and tender availability.

6 FEB Official visit by Commander Cruiser-Destroyer
Flotilla 6, RADM E. P. BONNER.

11-12 FEB Open House. Ship hosted over 300 civilian guests
of Naval Station Mayport.

16 FEB Departed Mayport for Jacksonville Operation Area.
Z-17-AA anti-aircraft gunnery exercises held.
Moored at Mayport that afternoon.

20 FEB Official visit by Commander Carrier Division 6,
RADM V. G. LAMBERT.

21 FEB Departed Mayport in accordance with Commander
Destroyer Division 162 Operation Order 1-67 with
ComDes Div 162 aboard in company with USS FOREST
ROYAL (DD-872) for extended deployment with

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U.S. SEVENTH FLEET in the Western Pacific. While in transit from Mayport to Sasebo, Japan, numerous gun fire support, damage and casualty control drills, and communications exercises held to achieve combat readiness.

23 FEB Moored at U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Joined with Norfolk based USS BARNEY (DDG-6) and USS DAHLGREN (DLG-12). ComDes Div 162 transferred to the BARNEY.

24 FEB Departed Guantanamo Bay in company with ROYAL, BARNEY, and DAHLGREN.

26 FEB Arrived at Limon Bay, Panama. Transitted Panama Canal.

28 FEB Moored at U.S. Naval Station, Rodman, Canal Zone. Detached U.S. Second Fleet; attached U.S. First Fleet. Departed Rodman in company with ROYAL, BARNEY and DAHLGREN, enroute to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

12 MAR Moored at U.S. Naval Station, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

13 MAR Commenced briefings at Commander in Chief Pacific Fleet Headquarters.

15 MAR Departed Pearl Harbor for Pearl Harbor Operation Area

16 MAR Conducted Naval Gunfire Support Exercises off Kahoolawe Island. Moored at Pearl Harbor.

18 MAR Departed Pearl Harbor in company with ROYAL and BARNEY enroute to Sasebo, Japan.

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21 MAR Moored and departed U.S. Naval Station, Midway Island in company with ROYAL, after refueling. Crossed International Dateline at 22 March approximately 2300 at 28°38'N.

26 MAR Detached U.S. FIRST Fleet, attached U.S. SEVENTH Fleet.

29 MAR Moored at U.S. Fleet Activity, Sasebo, Japan.

3 APR Departed Sasebo in company with ROYAL and USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA-31) as Task Group 77.7.

6 APR Moored at Kaohsiung, Taiwan, for tender availability with USS PIEDMONT (AD-17).

11 APR Departed Kaohsiung, steaming independently enroute to Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines to join with TG77.7

12 APR Engaged in fight operations with BON HOMME RICHARD

13 APR Moored at U.S. Naval Station, Subic Bay, Republic of Philippines.

16 APR Departed Subic Bay, Republic of Philippines with BON HOMME RICHARD and ROYAL making up TG77.7, enroute to Gulf of Tonkin.

17 APR Arrived on "Yankee Station" in Gulf of Tonkin, within the Combat Zone and Tax-free zone, to take part in Yankee Team Operations, as plane guard/rescue destroyer for BON HOMME RICHARD.

5 MAY Visited informally by Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Force Pacific, RADM Mason FREEMAN.

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8 MAY Departed combat zone, enroute to Subic Bay.

9 MAY Moored at Subic Bay.

14 MAY Departed Subic Bay, enroute "Yankee Station".

15 MAY Entered combat zone, arrived "Yankee Station".

16 MAY Relieved USS BAINBRIDGE (DLGN-25) as Commander, Task Group 77.9, SSSC.

18 MAY Released by TG77.7, BON HOMME RICHARD, and attached to TG77.6, USS HANCOCK (CVA-19) on "Yankee Station".

20 MAY While acting as rescue destroyer in lifeguard station astern HANCOCK recovered seaman lost overboard from the carrier.

22 MAY Detached from HANCOCK.

23 MAY Relieved as CTG 77.9/SSSC by Commander ASW Group Three embarked in USS HORNET (CVS-12). Attached to BON HOMME RICHARD as plane guard destroyer on "Yankee Station". (29 MAY, 2-3 JUN participated in anti-submarine warfare training with submarine BASHAW and CATFISH.)

11 JUN While night steaming in screening station for BON HOMME RICHARD, located man overboard from the carrier and directed helo for successful pick-up. Departed combat zone, enroute for Subic Bay. Attached to TG 77.4, USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64).

13 JUN Moored at Subic Bay.

14 JUN Entered drydock, Subic Bay.

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16 JUN Left drydock, Subic Bay.

17 JUN Departed Subic Bay, enroute "Yankee Station".

18 JUN Entered combat zone, arrived "Yankee Station".

21 JUN Visited informally by the Honorable Charles F. BAIRD, Under Secretary of the Navy Desingate, accompanied by Commander SEVENTH Fleet, VADM John J. HXLAND.

27 JUN Relieved HORNET as CTG 77.9/SSSC.

4 JUL Relieved as CTG 77.9/SSSC by USS FOREST ROYAL (DD-872)

8 JUL Reported "Yankee Station". Arrived on station off the coast of North Vietnam on "Operation Sea Dragon" assigned.

9 JUL Fired guns against enemy target for first time in the WARE's 22-year history.

20 JUL Departed "Operation Sea Dragon". Attached to TG 77.8, USS ORISKANY (CVA-34), as plane guard/pilot rescue destroyer on "Yankee Station". Commander Destroyer Division 162, embarked in WARE, relieved USS MCKENZIE (DD-836) as CTG 77.9 SSSC.

22 JUL COMDESDIV 162 relieved as CTG 77.9/SSSC by MCKENZIE.

24 JUL Detached from ORISKANY, attached to CONSTELLATION. Departed combat zone, enroute British Crown Colony, Hong Kong.

26 JUL Moored at BCC, Hong Kong.

31 Jul Departed BCC, Hong Kong, enroute to combat zone.

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1 AUG Entered combat zone.

2 AUG Arrived on station, "Operation Sea Dragon".

3 AUG Completed assignment to "Operation Sea Dragon" after firing a total of 1045 rounds on 16 missions and receiving shore fire on five occasions. Took no hits and sustained no casualties.

4 AUG Departed combat zone, enroute to Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

6 AUG Moored at Kaohsiung.

8 AUG Departed Kaohsiung, enroute to Yokosuka, Japan.

11 AUG Moored at Yokosuka.

14 AUG Departed Yokosuka, enroute Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

17 AUG Detached U.S. SEVENTH Fleet/ attached U.S. FIRST Fleet.

19 AUG Made brief stop to refuel at Midway Island.

22 AUG Moored at USNS Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

25 AUG Departed Pearl Harbor, enroute San Francisco, California.

30 AUG Moored at San Francisco.

2 SEP Departed San Francisco, enroute Acapulco, Mexico.

7 SEP Moored at Acapulco.

10 SEP Departed Acapulco, enroute to Panama Canal.

13 SEP Crossed Equator, traditional "Shellback" Initiation held. Detached U.S. FIRST Fleet: attached U.S. SECOND Fleet. Transited Panama Canal.

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19 SEP 67 Moored at Mayport, Fla.-home port; deployment ended.
Commenced period of leave and upkeep.

23 SEP Change of Command Ceremony held on WARE's ASROC deck.
CDR George B. LINDGREN, USN, relieved CAPT W. B. ALTHOOF,
USN, as Commander Destroyer Division 162.

19-20 OCT Nuclear Technical Proficiency Inspection held aboard.
Grade received: 88.6.

21 OCT Departed Mayport with WARE families and guests aboard for
a one day dependents cruise in accordance with COMDESRON
16 message 200220Z. Moored at Mayport. Commenced period
of upkeep and tender availability with USS ARCADIA (AD-23)

26 OCT Visited by Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Force, Atlantic
Fleet, RADM G. J. VAN ARSDALE, JR.

13 NOV Departed Mayport enroute to Key West in accordance
with COMSECONDEFLT Quarterly Operating Schedule.

14 NOV Moored at U.S. Naval Station Annex, Key West.

15-17 NOV Participated in ASW exercises in Key West Operation Area
as Sonar School Ship.

18 NOV Moored at Mayport. Commenced period of upkeep.

21 NOV Awards ceremony held in Fleet Training Center, Mayport
lectorium, honoring WARE officers and crew decorated
and cited for action on Vietnam cruise.

31 DEC Moored at Mayport, Fla.

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USS CHARLES R. WARE (DD-865)

PART II... BASIC NARRATIVE, 1967

The USS CHARLES R. WARE (DD-865) is one of seven destroyers making up Mayport, Fla., based Destroyer Squadron 16. Commander Destroyer Squadron 16 is Captain Rufus J. PORTER, USN. WARE is flagship for Commander Destroyer Division 162, Captain William B. ALTHOFF, USN. WARE is commanded by Commander Joseph T. NEVILLE, USN. The other six ships of the squadron are USS BIGELOW (DD-942), USS SUMNER (DD-692), USS MCCAFFERY (DD-860), USS FORREST ROYAL (DD-872), USS HARWOOD (DD-861), and USS LAWE (DD-763). The latter two ships were temporarily reassigned while the rest of the squadron deployed to SEVENTH FLEET in February. Added to the ranks of DESRON 16 for this deployment were the Mayport-based ship USS AULT (DD-698), and the Norfolk-based USS BARNEY (DDG-6) and the USS DAHLGREN (DLG-12).

1 January found WARE moored at her home port, Mayport, Fla., in the middle of a period of upkeep, leave and tender availability. At this time the crew consisted of 289 enlisted and 20 officers. The unusually large size of the crew resulted from new men reporting for duty while others awaited transfers prior to deployment.

On January 9, 1967, WARE departed Mayport in accordance with Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Force Atlantic Fleet Quarterly Deployment Schedule. On 10 January WARE ran the degaussing range in Charleston, S. C., harbor and proceeded to the Key West Operation Area, where gunnery exercises were held on 12 and 14 January. WARE moored at U. S. Naval Station, Key West on 13 January, departing the following morning, and arrived in Mayport on 15 January.

WARE spent the next month in a period of leave, upkeep, and tender

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availability in preparation for the WesPac deployment. During this period a new computer programmed Washing Machine was installed in the Ship's Laundry, improving service from the laundry.

WARE was paid two official visits in February: by Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla 6, RADM E. P. BONNER, and Commander Carrier Division 6, RADM V. G. LAMBERT on 6 and 20 February respectively. Both visits were described as courtesy calls.

WARE competed for the NEY MEMORIAL "best mess" AWARD, finishing third among ComCruDesLant ships, three points behind the winner. In the competition, WARE had the outstanding mess for ships of her class in the Charleston-Mayport-Key West area.

The weekend of 11-12 February found WARE selected as Open House Ship, playing host to over 300 civilian guests of the Naval Station. A tour was provided the visitors, including top spaces of the ship, as well as the bridge and gun mounts. Members of the crew explained the workings of the mount and pilot house, and a lecture on Marlin-spike seamanship completed the tour.

In accordance with ComDesDiv 162 Op order, WARE departing Mayport for the Jacksonville Operation Area on 16 February. After completion of Anti-aircraft gunnery exercise Z-17-AA, WARE returned to Mayport that same day.

On 21 February WARE departed Mayport for deployment to SEVENTH FLEET in accordance with ComDesDiv Op-ord 1-67 in company with the USS FORREST ROYAL (DD-872). In transit from Mayport to Sasebo, Japan, WARE underwent extensive training for combat readiness. Competitive and non-competitive BECCE and BDCE drills were held. Gunfire support and gunnery exercises were held almost daily as were communications, ECM, and a variety of other drills. In many exercises WARE served as OCE.

23 February found WARE at U. S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where she joined forces with USS BARNEY (DDG-6) and USS DAHLGREN (DLG-12). Captain William B. ALTHOFF, ComDesDiv 162, transferred his flag from WARE to BARNEY at this time. The four ships pulled out the following morning, arriving at Limon Bay, Panama during the early hours of 26 February. The Panama Canal was transitted that day, followed by a two day stop at U. S. Naval Station, Rodman, Canal Zone. WARE outchopped from SECOND to FIRST FLEET.

WARE departed Rodman in company with the other three ships on 28 February. The route to Hawaii produced only one surface contact until the approach to the Island State. However, this peaceful interlude was shattered at 0430, 10 March, when a second class petty officer from DAHLGREN was lost overboard. The man was not recovered, as the five hour, four ship search proved unsuccessful.

WARE moored at U. S. Naval Base, Pearl Harbor on 12 March. A series of briefings pertinent to the situation to be found in WesPac commenced the following day at Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet, Headquarters. Following a series of problems with the gyro dating back to 1966, the compass was checked and found to have burned out bearings and was replaced on 15 March.

The stay in Pearl Harbor was temporarily interrupted on 15 March when WARE pulled out for Naval Gunfire Support exercises off Kahoolowe Island. They were completed the morning of 16 March with WARE returning to Pearl Harbor that afternoon.

In company with BARNEY and ROYAL, WARE departed Pearl Harbor on 18 March, arriving for a seven hour fueling stop at Midway Island on 21 March. That evening in company with ROYAL, WARE crossed the International Dateline at 28° 38'N, entering the "Domain of the Golden Dragon."

The AN/SPS 40, air search radar, malfunctioned on 18 March due to the spar gear being highly worn. The radar was later repaired in Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, on 14 April.

WARE arrived in Sasebo, Japan on 29 March and departed on 3 April in company with the USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA-31) and ROYAL, comprising Task Group 77.7. WARE proceeded to Kaohsiung, Taiwan, for a tender availability with USS PIEDMONT (AD-17). After staying at Kaohsiung from 6 April to 11 April, WARE departed, joining with BON HOMME RICHARD the following day, and arrived at U. S. Naval Station, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, on 14 April.

LT (b) (6), CHC, USN, DesDiv 162 Chaplain, reported aboard WARE on 15 April. While underway, a six session discussion group on marriage was held under his direction.

TG 77.7 consisting of BON HOMME RICHARD, ROYAL, and WARE got underway on 16 April, entering the tax free zone and combat zone at 1720 the following day at 15° 47'N, 110° 30'E. Condition III was set at 1945, and maintained from that time until departure from this area. WARE served on "Yankee Station" in the Gulf of Tonkin in "Yankee Team" operations attached to the BON HOMME RICHARD as a plane guard-pilot rescue destroyer. At various times ROYAL, BARNEY, USS WADDELL (DDG-24) and USS STODDERT (DDG-22) were also attached to TG 77.7. On 28 April WARE assumed "Alpha Tango" assignment for the TG 77.9 Surface, Sub-surface surveillance Control (SSSC) radio circuit.

During the period from 1 January to 30 April, WARE expended 293 rounds of 5 inch 38 caliber projectiles in exercises, took part in eight refuelings, one rearming and three replenishments at sea. Radio Central estimates that about 1500 messages were received for WARE. The crew received 2100 vaccinations

and immunizations during these months.

WARE was attached to the SEVENTH FLEET from 26 March until 17 August. Except for three brief periods in port, she operated continually in the combat zone from 17 April until 4 August.

While still on station, WARE was visited by Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Force, Pacific, RADM Mason FREEMAN, who was lowered to the destroyer's fantail from a BON HOMME RICHARD helicopter on 5 May. On 8 May, WARE departed "Yankee Station" in company with others in the task group, and steamed to Subic Bay for her first combat R&R period.

On 14 May, the task group departed Subic Bay, and was once again enroute to the combat zone, which was entered the next day. WARE relieved USS BAINBRIDGE (DLGN-25) as Commander Task Group 77.9 and took over responsibility for maintaining a continual plot of all surface and subsurface craft operating in the Tonkin Gulf. She kept this assignment until 23 May, and later was assigned as CTG 77.9 for the periods 27 June, 4 July and 20-22 July.

WARE joined USS HANCOCK (CVA-19) and her Task Group 77.6 on 18 May for more plane guarding. While acting as a rescue destroyer in lifeguard station astern HANCOCK on 20 May, the destroyer recovered a seaman lost overboard from the carrier. The sailor was in the water only six minutes.

Detached from HANCOCK's Task Group on 22 May, WARE rejoined BON HOMME RICHARD the following day. Plane guarding was temporarily forsaken as WARE conducted Anti-submarine Warfare Training in the Tonkin Gulf with submarines BASHAW and CATFISH on 29 May and again on 2-3 June.

During the last night assigned to BON HOMME RICHARD for that tour, 11 June, while in an ASW screening station, WARE located a man overboard from the carrier and directed a helicopter to the successful pick-up. Leaving the combat zone that night, WARE joined with USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64) for the

return to Subic Bay.

The Task Group moored at Subic Bay on 13 June. Here, WARE and other SEVENTHFLEET warships chalked up a notable "first." Two midshipmen from the U. S. Naval Academy embarked, among the first "Middies" assigned to ships in a war zone for the intensive training of their "First Class Cruise." Midshipmen (b) (6) and (b) (6) remained with WARE until early August.

WARE entered drydock at Subic Bay on 14 June for minor repairs to the sonar dome, rudders, and screws. On 16 June, the destroyer was again afloat.

The morning of 17 June found WARE again underway with CONSTELLATION, leaving port 2 days early on a high priority "Yankee Station" assignment. After reaching the combat zone on 18 June, WARE again received distinguished visitors when visited informally by the Honorable Charles F. BAIRD, Under Secretary of the Navy Designate, and VADM John J. HYLAND, Commander SEVENTH FLEET, on 21 June.

Following three weeks with "Yankee Team," WARE departed Task Group 77.4 on 8 July and took position close to the coast of North Vietnam as part of "Operation Sea Dragon." Early on the morning of 9 July, WARE opened fire upon an enemy for the first time in the ship's 22 year history, as she took under fire a North Vietnamese Coastal gun battery on an island close to the enemy shore.

On 20 July, WARE temporarily departed "Operation Sea Dragon" and rejoined "Yankee Team", as a plane guard destroyer for USS ORISKANY (CVA-34). She rejoined CONSTELLATION on 24 July and departed the combat zone. Enroute to British Crown Colony, Hong Kong, WARE was joined by ROYAL, and the destroyers proceeded toward port. CONSTELLATION's visit to Hong Kong was postponed, but twenty aviators and crew from the carrier were transferred to WARE for a call at that exotic port.

WARE, ROYAL, and BARNEY anchored in Hong Kong harbor on 26 July and remained there until the morning of 31 July. WARE then proceeded to the combat zone and took up station on "Operation Sea Dragon" during the evening of 2 August.

On 3 August, WARE completed her assignment to "Operation Sea Dragon." In sixteen "Sea Dragon" missions, she fired a total of 1045 rounds of 5 inch 38 caliber projectiles at enemy positions along the coast. The destroyer scored a direct hit on a radar complex and directed many salvos of suppression fire against shore guns.

WARE drew heavy fire from North Vietnamese guns during five missions. A total of 160 enemy rounds fell between 30 and 1000 yards of the warship, but no hits or casualties were sustained. The ship returned all hostile fire, sparking several secondary explosions and fires at enemy positions.

Between 1 May and 1 August, Radio Central received approximately 4800 radio messages addressed to WARE, and handled countless thousands more that did not include the ship as an addressee.

Departing the Vietnam combat zone on 4 August, WARE began her return to Mayport. Originally scheduled to steam around the world, completing the deployment by way of the Suez Canal, Mediterranean Sea, and Atlantic Ocean, WARE was forced to return home via the Pacific when the summer war in the Middle East closed the Suez Canal to all traffic.

On 6 August, the destroyer moored again at Kaohsiung, Taiwan. She got underway on 8 August and proceeded to Yokosuka, Japan. Arriving there on 11 August, WARE rejoined the original members of DESDIV 162, ROYAL, BARNEY, and DAHLGREN for the balance of the cruise. The division departed Yokosuka in formation on 14 August. On 17 August while steaming toward Pearl Harbor

the division was detached from the SEVENTH FLEET, rejoining the FIRST FLEET. The International Dateline was re-crossed on 19 August, the four destroyers refueled at Midway Island, and WARE, ROYAL, BARNEY and DAHLGREN arrived at Pearl Harbor on 22 August. Leaving Pearl Harbor on 25 August, the division arrived at San Francisco, California on 30 August, departed on 2 September, and dropped anchor in Acapulco Bay, Mexico on 7 September.

Departing Acapulco on 10 September, WARE, ROYAL, BARNEY, and DAHLGREN steamed south to cross the Equator at longitude 90° 06'W on 13 September. WARE's officers and crew were ceremonially initiated into the "Royal Domain of Neptunus Rex" as "Shellbacks" under grey skies and 68° weather. The ships turned north again and proceeded to the Panama Canal, refueling at Rodman on 15 September and transiting the canal the same day. WARE and the division was detached from the FIRST FLEET and rejoined the SECOND FLEET, once again in Atlantic waters.

At 0950 on 19 September, WARE moored at the destroyer piers of Mayport Naval Station, home two days short of seven months after departing in February.

WARE served with three of the four U. S. Fleets during the 213 days of deployment. She was part of her home fleet, the SECOND FLEET, for 12 days. She transited the Pacific westward and eastward for 55 days with the FIRST FLEET. She served in the Western Pacific with the SEVENTH FLEET for 145 days. She spent 90 days on station in the Vietnam combat zone, 75 with "Yankee Team" and 15 on "Operation Sea Dragon." She steamed 61,012 miles at an average underway speed of 15.5 knots, and consumed 4,297,332 gallons of NSFO.

WARE rendezvoused with Service Force Ships for refueling, re-arming, and replenishing underway in the Tonkin Gulf 53 times. A total of 48 hours 12 minutes was spent alongside these ships, and 18 of WARE's unreps occurred at

night. Highline and lite-line transfers of personnel or materials between ships brought WARE alongside other warships on countless occasions. Helicopter transfers, vertreps, and in flight refueling of helicopters occupied many hours in the Western Pacific. WARE crew members brought home \$74,883.16 worth of goods purchased in foreign ports. More than one third of the crew, 100 men, advanced in rank or rate during the deployment.

Arrival at Mayport commenced a month long period of leave, with two leave parties scheduled. On 23 September traditional change-of-command ceremonies were held on WARE's ASROC deck, as CDR George B. LINDGREN, USN, relieved CAPT W. B. ALTHOFF, USN, as Commander Destroyer Division 162.

Following the leave periods, WARE received her 1967 Nuclear Technical Proficiency Inspection on 19-20 October. WARE received a final grade of 88.6 which showed a marked improvement over earlier grades.

On 21 October approximately 125 families and guests of WARE personnel embarked for a one day dependent's cruise in accordance with Commander Destroyer Squadron 16 message ~~200220Z~~. Guests were treated to a full day of activity as all ships of DESRON 16 participated in formation and tactics, and unreps were simulated.

Following the dependent's cruise all hands turned to during a period of intensive upkeep prior to a tender availability with USS ARCADIA (AD-23). On 26 October, Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Force, Atlantic Fleet, RADM C. J. VAN ARSDALE, JR., paid an official visit to the ship.

On 13 November, in accordance with COMSECONDFLT Quarterly Operating Schedule, WARE departed Mayport for Key West. She moored at U. S. Naval Station Annex, Key West, Florida the following day, and on 15 November through 17 November participated in ASW exercises as the Sonar School ship. After transferring students to a Key West tug at the sea buoy, WARE steamed

north for Mayport on the afternoon of 17 November, arriving at her home port 13 November.

Nineteen officers and enlisted men received medals and awards for outstanding performance of their duties during the Vietnam deployment at a ceremony held in the Naval Station Mayport Fleet Training Center Lectorium on 21 November. Awards received were the Navy Commendation Medal with combat "V", the Navy Achievement Medal with combat "V" and citations from COMSEVENTHFLT and Commander Cruiser Destroyer Force, SEVENTH FLEET.

December 16 marked the beginning of a period of holiday leave time to close out the year in the middle of a long period of upkeep. On December 31, 1967, USS CHARLES R. WARE was moored at Mayport, preparing for a heavy schedule of drills and inspections, and for another active year with the Fleet.

For the year 1967, Radio Central received more than 9100 messages addressed to WARE. Over 200,000 broadcasts were copied and handled by WARE's radiomen.

On the last day of the year, WARE's complement totalled 14 officers and 234 enlisted, of which 14 were chief petty officers. COMDESDIV 162 and his staff of 4 officers and 4 enlisted were also embarked.